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In re Patent Application of:
Soppet, et al.

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REPLY AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 4, 2002, please consider the following remarks. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the following remarks. Applicants submit herewith: (a) a Petition for Extension of Time for one-month, up through and including Friday, July 5, 2002 (July 4, 2002 being a Federal holiday); (b) a Fee Transmittal Sheet, with appropriate fee; (c) Declaration of Adam Bell; (d) Exhibits A, B, C; and, (e) Copy of publication "Isolation and characterization of a cDNA encoding a novel member of the human regenerating protein family: Reg IV," Biochimica et Biophysica Acta, Vol.1518, pp.287-293 (2001).

Response

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112, Enablement

Claims 21-37, 46-63, 72-89, 98-115, and 124 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as allegedly "containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention." See, Paper No. 12, page 2. It has been